

Kingston Conservation Advisory council

Meeting Minutes 10/14/09

Attendance: Board Members: Julie Noble, Allison Taylor, Valeria Gheorghiu, Felipa Gaudet, Gregg Swanzy
Guests: Casey Schwarz

Minutes from meeting 9/9/09 were approved, with changes.

1. Announcements:

- Next regular board meeting is 11/11/09 at 6:30pm
- N.Y.S. Conference on the Environment 11/13/09-11/15/09
- State of the Hudson information is out---see Julie for packet
- Green Jobs Festival---see Valeria for more info, www.greenjobsconference.org.
- Household Pharmaceutical Collection Event—10/20/09 8:00-1:00pm---at the N.Y.S.D.E.C. Region 3 office—21 South Putt Corners New Paltz, N.Y.

2. Communications:

- Andrew has officially resigned. We will continue to send him communications if he wants
- Hudson Valley Food Security Roundtable is looking for location for their next meeting. Val will forward info to the C.A.C.
- Valeria is now the Vice President of the Green Justice Project. Any questions?—see Valeria. For more info go to www.greenjusticeproject.org
- Tom Hoffay wrote a letter expressing concern with local legislation on chickens in the city limits. The letter was received 2 weeks ago. He would like the C.A.C. to provide some guidance on this issue. Valeria will email an article re: chickens in Portland. Felipa will do some research, as well as Valeria, re: chickens/animals. Julie will email Tom to let him know we are working on this issue. Could we ask the city to form a “formal” opinion after we do the research on this issue? Allison will do some research on affirmative laws on chickens/honeybees in municipalities.
- Julie will set up a “field trip” to Darmstadt Overhead Doors to see their solar panel system.

3. Reports:

- E.M.C. Report—meeting 9/30/09 at U.C.C.C.—SUNY Ulster. Amanda LaValle: county is receiving community development block grants for: photovoltaic, lighting, hybrid vehicles, energy policies, Esopus Creek access, storm water management and monitoring, etc. The E.M.C. would like to form a committee for pharmaceutical disposal issues.
New Business—C.A.C. county-wide conference 11/18/09, 6:30pm, UCCC. We filled out a questionnaire for the conference, as part of the Kingston C.A.C. She will forward it to Amanda LaValle and Steve Noble who are coordinating the event.

4. Hudsonia Biodiversity Training:

- There will be a presentation of the groups findings 10/28/09 at Norrie Point 6:00pm-8:00pm. This presentation will be for Hudsonia and the Hudson River Estuary Program. The Red Hook C.A.C. will also be there. This event is open to the public.

5. Planning Department/ Board Report:

- We did not have a representative make the last meeting. We will be rotating our board so we have someone at every Planning Board meeting. Nov. 9 Allison, Dec. 14 Valeria, Jan. 11 Felipa, Feb. 8 Julie. The person who will go to the meeting should review agenda of the planning board. They should also email all C.A.C. members to see if there is any topics we are interested in being involved in.

6. Administrative Matters:

- Local Legislation—no word yet. Julie will check with Laws and Rules to make us official.
- Policies and Procedures-Gregg, Allison, and Valeria will make changes and send out to the rest of the board for review. We will discuss at next meeting.
- Board Recruitment-application is on web page—no hits yet.
- Board Priorities—tabled---priorities are being set for us at the moment.

7. Old Business:

- Climate Smart/Green Jobs Community Pledge-passed!!!
- Climate change Panel---10/20/09---Julie will be presenting at Ulster BOCES---New Paltz, 7:00pm
- Bike Map---Andrew made a map for the Tour de Kingston, but Melissa Everett wanted to make some changes. He will make these changes, but will have to forward the files to a C.A.C. member if there are any more changes, as he is no longer on the council
- Pesticide Initiative---check work that the county legislature has done on banning pesticides, as well as other C.A.C.'s.
- What are our next steps toward implementing the pledge??
 1. Sit with mayor—delegate Steve Noble as liaison
 2. Community meeting??
 3. Make a Plan:
 - Structure: subcommittee of C.A.C., including liaison, some members of this C.A.C., majority will be members of the community.
 - Julie will send out a doodle poll to schedule a special meeting for our next steps.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:07pm